Unfair labour practices committed by the Hindustan Lever Limited

115(7. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's atten-tion has been invited to the articles published in the New Age dated 17th February, 1985 and 3rd March, 1985 and in the Janyug (Hindi) dated the 4th March, 1985 regarding the unfair labour practices committed by the Hindustan Lever Limited, New Delhi, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) the action taken by Government against Hindustan Lever Limited, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) and (b) Government's attention has been drawn to the newspaper articles of the 17th February, 1985 and the 3rd and 4th March, 1985 regarding the alleged action by the management of Hindustan Lever Ltd. to prolong legal proceedings over industrial disputes by the workers' union from time to time on various issues relating to employment of casual and contract labour against permanent vacancies, reduction in permanent complement of workmen and wage cut due to rationalisation, terminations and dismissals, deduction of leave of workmen, failure to implement agreed settlements, unilateral revision in the service conditions of workers etc. The matters raised in the report have been referred to the Governments of West Bengal, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and the Delhi Administration, the appropriate authorities under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 for necessary action.

Vacancies in FCI Board of Directors

1158. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of vacancies in the FCI Board of Directors;

(b) the period for which these vacancies are lying unfilled and what are the reasons for not filling up these vacancies; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to fill up these vacancies and by when these vacancies are likely to toe filled up?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) Duly constituted Board of Directors of the Corporation has 8 Directors at present. There is a provision for appointing 12. Directors in the Food Corporation Act. Government are taking steps for nominating suitable persons.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, the Papers to be laid on the Table—Shri Janar-dhan Poojari—not here as also the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs. *(Interruptions)*.

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): Can I lay on his behalf?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: No, no.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY (Karnataka); Sir,...

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI (Madhya Pradesh): Sir, it is a. .

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have taken a sarious note of it. I will mention it. Now, Shri Abdul Ghafoor to lay the papers on the Table.